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25X1 1. [ ] Jim Gehrig, in the office of Senator Stuart Symington, called to say that the Senator had prepared a reply to the letter forwarded from our [ ] whom the Senator had met on his recent trip. The Senator's reply has been picked up and forwarded to [ ] for transmittal to the field. 25X1

25X1 2. [ ] Delivered to the staffs of the House Armed Services Committee, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees and the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy Mr. McCone's letters suggesting that he get together with these groups at their earliest convenience.

In my chat with Bob Smart, House Armed Services Committee staff, he informed me that Chairman Vinson has decided to appoint himself chairman of the CIA Subcommittee. Smart said that while the Chairman as well as the ranking Minority Leader were ex officio members of all subcommittees, Mr. Vinson made it a policy not to sit in on Subcommittee hearings. He felt that his presence might give the Subcommittee chairman the feeling that Vinson was looking over his shoulder. Smart said it was difficult for him to brief Chairman Vinson on all that transpired at CIA hearings and that for these reasons Mr. Vinson has decided to take the post himself. Smart said he assumed we would be pleased with this information and I indicated that indeed we were.

25X1 3. [ ] Delivered to Jim McKenna, in the office of Senator John O. Pastore (D., R.I.), Mr. Warner's letter replying to one from the Senator concerning the case of [ ] McKenna said the letter was precisely what they needed and he appreciated our promptness in handling the matter. He added that if he could be of any assistance to us in the future, he would be glad to do so. 25X1

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